

What is claimed is

1. A multi-stage click switch comprising:

a housing;

an operating knob movably mounted on the housing;

5 a plurality of pressing portions provided on the operating knob;

a contact circuit member including a plurality of switch contact portions disposed in opposed relation to the plurality of pressing portions, respectively;

10 a rubber switch member provided between the plurality of pressing portions and the contact circuit member;

a plurality of rubber contact portions which are formed on the plurality of rubber switch member, and can sequentially close and open the switch contact portions in multi-stage manner in accordance with the movement of the plurality of pressing portions, wherein each of the plurality of rubber contact portions produces a click feeling by a resilient force, produced by elastic deformation of the rubber contact portion during the movement of the operating knob, at the time of operating the operating knob, and includes a conductive piece opposed to corresponding one of the plurality of switch contact portions; and

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over stroke means which is capable of elastic deformation of a lower resilient force, not producing a click feeling, and is provided to the at least one rubber contact portion except

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the at least one rubber contact portion effecting a final-stage switching operation, for allowing the movement of the operating knob until the final-stage switching operation is completed.

- 5 2. The multi-stage click switch according to claim 1, wherein the operating knob is pivotally mounted on the housing, and the plurality of pressing portions are formed on and project from a reverse surface of the operating knob at pivotally-moving opposite end portions thereof.